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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 10/648,162	:	
Filed: August 26, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 5656-33	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10, filed January 2, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of August 26, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of August 27, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on August 26, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EV318420749US. The "date-in" on the Express Mail label is blank; however, the label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of August 26, 2003. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is **granted**. No petition fee is necessary.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination is directed to correct the filing date to August 26, 2003, and to mail a corrected filing receipt.

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